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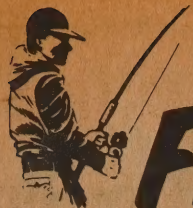
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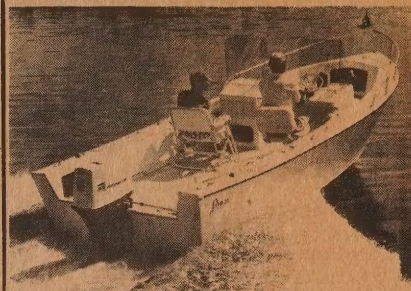
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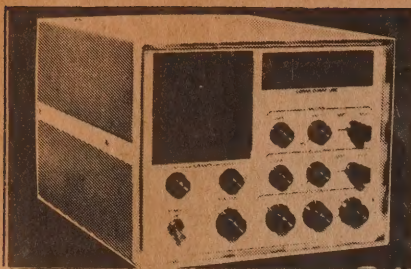
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Robert Reschke
214 Thompson St., Apt. 5 EN
New York, N.Y. 10012

It is extremely unfortunate that there is a paucity of free-flowing fresh water in New York City. We are printing Mr. Reschke's address so that he may be contacted by any clubs in his area — membership chairmen, take note!

TASK OF STRIPED BASS

Although I am very fond of the tasty meat of striped bass, I am reluctant to keep the "keepers" that I catch from the shores of Rosebank, Staten Island, near the Verrazano Bridge.

I would really like to know if it is safe to eat fish caught in these waters.

Sal Campanelli
Bronx, N.Y.

The bass, and other fish caught in that area, should be safe to eat; we have not heard, or been advised of any poisonous fish being consumed by the public!

Although safe to eat, fish that have spent some time in polluted waters may take on peculiar and distasteful flavors, so you might find the taste of the flesh somewhat offensive. If the fish you catch are newcomers from cleaner waters, chances are they'll taste fine.

APPEAL TO AN AUTHOR

I have a minor problem that I think you might be able to help me out with. The past couple of months I have been fishing off Wantagh Park from the

walk and have caught some small flounders, but nothing worth keeping. I have just started to salt water fish and so far no luck. Last year we fished off one of the channels in Oceanside with some luck, but to this day I am not sure what we caught. The people we were with called them porgies.

Can you tell me what I can fish for and where? I live in Rockville Centre. If you can't tell me that, can you tell me where I can find out?

I have been reading your magazine and the only thing I can get out of it is that you have to own a boat or be out in one to catch any fish. If my luck doesn't change soon I will have to go back to fresh water fishing - and I don't like that as much.

Any and all help will be gratefully appreciated.

Kenneth R. Simpson
1 Jefferson Ave., Apt. C-8
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570

It just so happens that one of our most valuable gadabout contributors lives in Rockville Centre, and we speak of none other than that master fisherman, Don Vetter.

Mr. Vetter thrives in seclusion when in the big city, so he has no telephone. He has been known, however, to crack the pages of this magazine upon occasion, so with the hope he has done so to this issue, we would like to ask his assistance in directing Ken Simpson to places at which he can fish - without a boat, and locally accessible.

Thanks, Don.

BLACK/WHITE VERSUS COLOR

I would like to tell you how much I enjoy your magazine and let you know that it has helped me in my fishing. But that's not the reason I'm writing to you. The reason is to find out why your magazine is printed in black and white while all the other major magazines are in color.

P.S. How the Hell do you read that "Tide Tables?"

Jimmy Powers
Bronx, N.Y.

There are several reasons why we utilize the black/white format, the main one being cost. The expense involved in reproducing color would rive the price of the Long Island Fisherman out of reach of the average subscriber.

Remember, we're weekly so that we can give the latest available information on the local fishing scene. How many would want to spend at least seventy five cents an issue? That comes to about \$37.50 a year!

LAKE RONKONKOMA FISH

I have a problem concerning the fish in Lake Ronkonkoma. I am a dedicated fisherman and every week I go either fresh water fishing or salt water fishing.

I have been going fishing at Lake Ronkonkoma for two years and I have not yet tasted any of the fish I've caught. Many people told me that I couldn't eat them because they were polluted or contained mercury, so I never tried to eat any.

Can you please tell me, and others that go fishing at Lake Ronkonkoma, whether the fish are edible?

Ralf Andersen
Nesconset, N.Y.

Anglers we know have eaten many fish caught at Lake Ronkonkoma, and the worst they have suffered was from indigestion caused by eating too much. Dig in — enjoy your fish: they're safe to eat.

BUNKER BASS AND SMALL FISH

I would appreciate your advice or previously written articles concerning the following topics:

a) Fishing for large stripers with bunker bait.

b) Helping stop fluke fishermen keep small fish.

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Louis Schioppo
Staten Island, N.Y.

Your questions about fishing bunker should be answered in "Live-Lining Bunker" on page 12 of the last issue. If you have any additional questions, feel free to write to, or telephone, our offices.

How to stop fishermen from keeping undersized fluke, or any fish, is a problem, the magnitude of which we've tried to indicate in last issue's

editorial. The problem, of course, centers about people's attitudes, emotions and lack of knowledge regarding the results of their behavior - not only in fishing, but in virtually all areas of human endeavor. People can be, and are, stupid, greedy, thoughtless, inconsiderate, ignorant and many other negative things. They can also be good, kind, considerate, thoughtful, and pretty doggone fine!

Education should help, but often doesn't. Where people will not voluntarily behave themselves, the law often enters the picture as a force. Unfortunately, there are not sufficient Conservation Officers to provide adequate law enforcement, and considering the staggering number of fish hogs that are presently performing their illegal thefts, our defenders cannot make significant progress.

There are many solutions, and by stating some of them we will become unpopular with various fishing factions: do not patronize businesses which commit illegal and ecologically unsound practices (polluting waters, keeping small fish); tell the violator on the beach or in the rowboat that he's breaking the law - try to straighten him out in a nice way, if possible.

In fact, perhaps this last is the general answer. Personal contact, on a one to one basis, might be a good first approach, whether on a boat, beach, jetty, pier, or wherever.

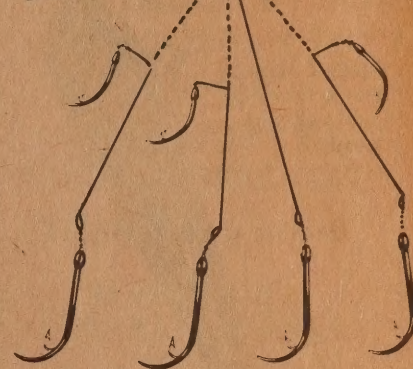
If that proves unsuccessful, then what is the answer? Write letters, scream, yell, withdraw yourself as a customer - many things will work; it all depends upon circumstances. A commercial enterprise will be upset by loss of business, and that may well make the point.

For others, you may have to resort to embarrassment to force them to stop. There might be a means of ostracizing them if they are members of a club; ejection from such a group would not be harsh treatment under the circumstances.

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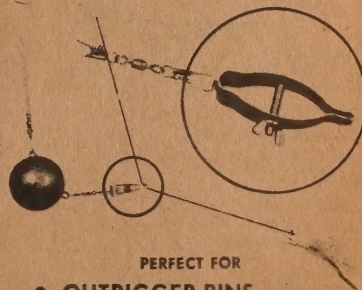


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U.S.C.G. AUXILIARY TO HOLD ANNUAL DIVISION RENDEZVOUS

Attention all U.S.C.G. Auxiliarists

U.S.C.G. Auxiliary will be holding their annual Division Rendezvous on August 10, 11, and 12th, at Wantagh Marina. This annual gathering of fellow Auxiliarists for a weekend of reunions and good fellowship will be hosted by Flotilla 13-1. There will be fun and games for all ages, along with a menu that would make an Old Salt hungry. For further information contact your Flotilla Commander.

BRONX POWER SQUADRON

A familiar sight around the Bronx during National Safe Boating Week, July 1 thru 7, was this trailered boat. This media of attracting the public has been in use by the squadron for a number of years. According to Clarence Smith, Safety Officer, "This has proven to be the more natural approach of conveying and spreading the message of Safe Boating."

The boat was trailered during that week making stops at major intersections and large shopping centers, distributing literature advertising the Free Boating Classes conducted by the United States Power Squadrons. The classes of the Bronx Unit will be held at the New York State University Maritime College, Fort Schuyler every Monday, for men and women and runs for 12 weeks. A children's course is also offered, for ages 10 to 15. Successful completion leads to a New York State Boating Certificate, enabling the self-operation of a small powered boat within State waters.

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No. 7292 — Dredging in Flushing Bay
Application has been made by Marinas Of The Future, Incorporated, World's Fair Marina, Flushing, New York 11368 for a Department of the Army permit to dredge in Flushing Bay, at Flushing, Queens County, New York.

No. 7293 — Construction & Dredging at Fire Island

Application has been made by Mr. Frank R. Flynn, 162 East Concourse, Brightwaters, New York 11718 for an extension of time to a Department of the Army permit to complete construction of a solid fill pier and to dredge in Great South Bay, at Ocean Bay Park, Fire Island, Suffolk County, New York. The work was originally authorized under Department of the Army permit issued by the District Engineer on 24 April 1969 which expired on 31 December 1972.

No. 7295 — Construction in Mill Basin, Jamaica Bay

Application has been made by G.I.J. Realty Corporation, 6097 Strickland Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11234 for a Department of the Army permit to construct a platform and install floats and piles in Mill Basin, Jamaica Bay, Brooklyn, New York, for mooring recreational boats.

No. 7297 — Construction in Shellbank Basin, Jamaica Bay

Application has been made by Mr. Alex Makerevich, 164-26 95th Street, Howard Beach, New York 11414 for a Department of the Army permit to install floats and piles in Shellbank Basin, Jamaica Bay, at Howard Beach, Borough of Queens, New York, for mooring recreational boats.

No. 7297 — Construction in Shellbank Basin

Application has been made by Mr. B. Erato, 164-12 95th Street, Howard Beach, New York 11414 for a Department of the Army permit to install floats and piles in Shellbank Basin, Jamaica Bay, at Howard Beach, Borough of Queens, New York, for mooring recreational boats.

No. 7299 — Construction in Shellbank Basin

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No. 7304 — Construction in Shellbank Basin

Application has been made by Mr. Henry Reitor, 164-18 95th Street, Howard Beach, New York 11414 for a Department of the Army permit to

install floats and piles in Shellbank Basin, Jamaica Bay, at Howard Beach, Borough of Queens, New York, for mooring recreational craft.

Any criticisms or protests regarding the proposed work should be PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THE OFFICE LISTED ABOVE prior to 8/3/73 , otherwise it will be presumed that there are no objections.

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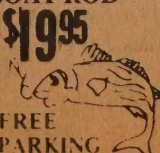
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Why Not a Giant Tuna This Year!

by Al Ristori

Just a few years ago I would have regarded time spent in pursuit of giant tuna as basically wasted. The amount of time, effort and money involved in trying to capture one just didn't seem to be worth it. I knew many anglers who had often fished for the giants and still hadn't caught one. What sort of fanatic did you have to be to go through this frustrating experience year after year?

Well, now I've caught my share of giant tuna and have joined the ranks of tuna fanatics. I still enjoy fishing for everything from largemouth bass to marlin, but the only fish that really "turns me on" is the giant bluefin tuna. After having caught most of the major gamefish of the Americas, I'm firmly convinced that the giant tuna is the ultimate challenge. It is the one fish that requires no handicap - you can use the heaviest tackle and it's still a fair fight.

The fact that I became a tuna fanatic has much to do with the recent abundance of the giant fish in reasonably accessible waters. While the school tuna fishing has declined precipitately as the result of overfishing by U.S. and Canadian tuna seiners, the older fish have apparently prospered. The giant tuna we are catching today are almost all over 500 pounds, and were probably spawned before intense seining started in the early sixties.

The distinction between giant and school tuna is as indistinct as that between bluefish and snapper blues. Most clubs consider fish over 100 pounds to be giants, but experienced tuna fishermen probably wouldn't consider anything under 400 pounds to be in that class. Of course, there were times in the past when almost all the large tuna being caught were in the 100-400 pound class but, in recent years, fish of that size have been scarcer than the true giants.

During the sixties, giant tuna fishing in this area was pretty much restricted to the Rhode Island coast in late August and September. Some years the fishing was quite good, while in others, few tuna were taken. Large numbers of boats would anchor on the



Dr. Richard Hausknecht (l.) and Captain Joe Moore pose with the doctor's 985 pound tuna, taken at Montauk that was, briefly, a world record.

popular grounds off such areas as Watch Hill, Charlestown and the mouth of Narragansett Bay and ladle over huge quantities of bunker chum. Even if they never saw a tuna most fishermen enjoyed the sport because they caught loads of mackerel, ling, whiting, bluefish, big fluke and sharks. The U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament moved to Point Judith, and a Rhode Island Tuna Tournament (preceding the U.S.A.T.T. on Labor Day weekend) became one of the most popular contests on the coast.

It was in 1969 that Montauk once again assumed the crown as leading tuna port in the Mid-Atlantic area. A large fleet of Russian trawlers moved to within 30 miles of the Point and were accompanied by schools of giant tuna. Radar-equipped sportfishermen zeroed in on the Russians, and got into the hottest giant tuna fishing experienced in the area for more than a decade. It was simply a matter of waiting for one of the huge trawlers to lift it's nets (which they do every two hours) and then baiting the tuna that would follow the net to the surface, as they fed on the ling, whiting and herring falling out of holes in the net.

The Russians didn't show up the next year, but even better (and more convenient) fishing developed when the giants appeared behind the small American draggers in Butterfish Hole, only about 8 miles off the Point.

The best fishing occurred on weekdays, when only a few boats were working each dragger, but even the busy weekends produced some giants. Most notable of all was the 985 pounder boated by Dr. Richard Hausknecht, which established a new world record. That was the doctor's first giant tuna, and provided him with enough stories to last him a lifetime. The fish was hooked aboard his own boat, "Galatea," but a broken fighting chair forced his transfer to another boat, the "Tomcat," in the middle of the fight. Everything was done legally though, and when Bob Furno stuck the gaff in the monster, Hausknecht had broken a world record of 20 years standing. As it turned out, however, the new record stood for only a few weeks before being broken in Canada.

1971 was a dud for giant tuna at Montauk but they were right back there last summer. Therefore, with tuna action in three of the last four years, everyone will be keeping an eye peeled for their arrival this year. If the pattern of previous years is followed, the first appearance should occur in late July. The month of August is the period during which most of the tuna should be caught.

If this fishing once again develops so close to shore, almost anyone will be

able to take a shot at it. Provided the weather is good, the size of your boat will be of little consequence. However, it must be properly rigged or you would be better off chartering.

A fighting chair is an absolute must. The heavy tackle required for giant tuna fishing precludes your handling it while standing. Good fighting chairs with footrests designed for tuna fishing are quite expensive, but Dr. Hausknecht learned the hard way that ordinary chairs just won't do the job with these monsters. One of the finest tuna fishermen in our area, Eddie Murray of Amityville, is now making custom seats which are being sold through local dealers. Information about them and the name of a local dealer can be obtained through Eddie or Frank Murray at Suffolk Cabinets, 6133 Jericho Turnpike, Commack, L.I. (864-7991).

The next essential is special tackle. Reels in the 6/0 class are fine at the Mud Hole but are no match for giant tuna. There's no point in fishing giant tuna with less than a 9/0, and 12/0 is really the proper size. If you're serious about the sport and can afford it, by all means buy a lever drag 12/0. However, if you're not able to afford the freight on the top quality gear, try the 12/0-16/0 Penn Senators. These will usually do the job, though you'll have to pour water on the red-hot star drags when a tuna is really peeling line. Your reels will have to be balanced with "unlimited" class rods, which are put out by most of the major tackle manufacturers or custom made by local big game shops.

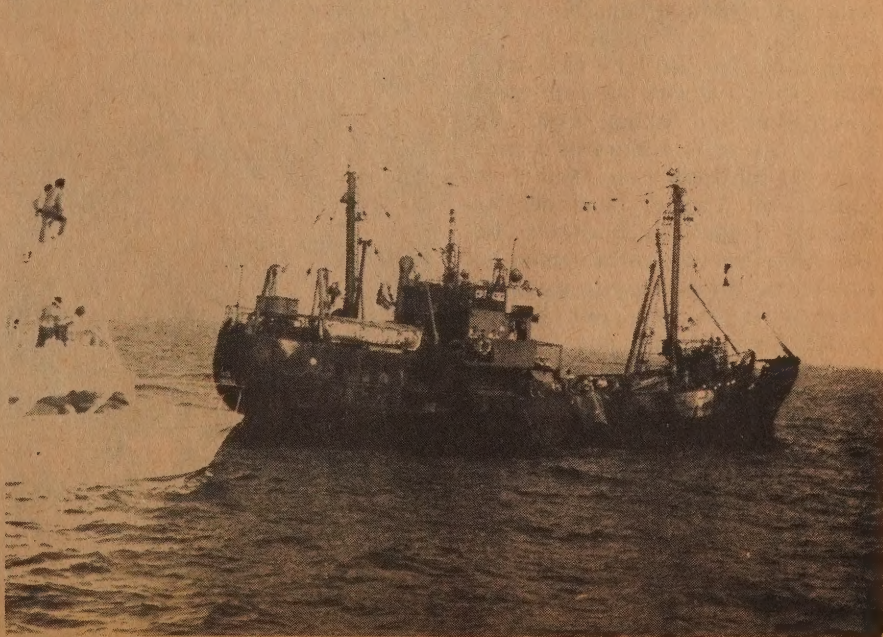
At present, dacron is the only acceptable line for giant tuna fishing.

It has very little stretch, which means that when you pull on a tuna . . . he moves! With monofilament you'd be fighting the stretch in the line rather than the fish. Most anglers use 130 pound test, though a few make do with 80. Many charter skippers have gone to 162 lb. as a safety factor. However, with a 12/0 reel, 130 pound test dacron will give you all the strength and capacity you need.

Last year, many anglers complained because the dacron they bought was thinner than they were used to, and it didn't seem to stand up as well. This change wasn't brought about by the companies braiding the line but rather by the supplier, DuPont. That firm manufactures dacron for a multitude of purposes, of which fishing is a very minor one. They developed a finer filament for the textile industry and also supplied it to the line companies. It resulted in a thinner line which provided greater capacity and even cost less. For most fishing it proved ideal. However, many fishermen felt that it didn't take the incredible abuse of giant tuna fishing, so Garcia has arranged to obtain some of the thicker filaments and will produce both the heavy and thin diameter lines this season (in 130 lb. test only).

Putting dacron on a big game reel is a project in itself. It must be reeled on under tremendous pressure or it will "dig-in" when a fish runs off line against the heavy drags normally employed in this fishing. By "heavy" I mean something like 25-30 pounds for strike drag and 40-75 for full drag. A 30 foot double line is spliced in and tied to a heavy snap (no swivel - and

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A small Russian herring boat (now mostly phased out in favor of much larger vessels) pulls its nets as American sportfishermen stand by for any giant tuna that may be following the net up.

The Wrong Side of The Surf

by Don Millus

For years, up until July 4th, 1973 I had been a dedicated surfcaster. Growing up in Brooklyn, I didn't have the chance to spend day after day fishing clam baits for Jersey stripers, or being there at Montauk when the fall run of lunkers hit in. But Lord knows, I tried: Riis' Park and the Rockaways; Jones Beach and the "Thumb" near Cedar Beach; Democrat Point on Fire Island long before they put the bridge up; and in recent years Sandy Hook and the Rhode Island surf to boot. But I had been doing it all wrong. It's the other side of the surf I should have been fishing.

It must have been that first three pound striper that I caught on a fresh water spinning outfit in the surf at Fire Island that hooked me on surfcasting. The fish hit a fresh water bass spoon, and with the light tackle gave me my first fishing "high." But in all those years afterwards I never managed anything more than a ten pound bass. Lots of small ones on Hopkins, Upperman Bucktails, Rebels, Alou Eels - the entire gamut, but I never had the patience to sit on the beach all night and dunk bunker, mackerel, eels, or clams and hope that the fish would gobble the bait before the flies or mosquitoes gobbled me. And I never lived close enough to the water to be there when that elusive "day-you-should-have-been-here" arrived. Not until this year.

Not that I slaughtered the fish on the Fourth. But when Pat Marasca sank the gaff into my first big striped bass of thirty-six pounds I realized what I had been doing wrong. I should have been out fishing the beach from the water a long time ago. Of course,

I'm kidding a little. I've spent many happy days guiding a Boston Whaler just outside the surf at Shinnecock and Democrat Point and had some bass to show for it. But maybe I've been converted from surf-casting . . . at least for a while.

The conversion process started with Joe Occhipinti, the skipper of the Blackfin II, going on jury duty for a week and deciding to take a busman's holiday from charter fishing and do some of his own on the Fourth. Pat Marasca, his partner, wasn't too optimistic about the fishing (the netters had really put it to the bunker and there wasn't too much bait left), but when he invited my brother and I to join them for the morning I decided it beat taking the kids to the parade:

leave all that fun to the in-laws, and get up at two in the morning to get down to Kesgal's in Highlands, New Jersey by four-thirty.

By five we were out on the bay, and by noon we were to regret not getting out even earlier. On the way out we paused at the nets to pick up a couple dozen live bunker. At fifty cents apiece, the gentlemen manning those nets may show a profit this year.

As we rounded the Hook into the ocean we saw a good dozen boats already drifting just outside the surf. The wind was still pushing against the tide and, with the dawn skies still overcast and threatening, it wasn't the smoothest day on the water. We moved into position near the "Golf Ball" and Joe set the stern in towards



The early-bird bunker dunkers got the fish. The Big Barrels are keeping the menhaden alive.



John Millus hefts our first and only Fourth of July striper.

the beach, noting that with the wind pushing us into the beach he wouldn't be able to fish. As it was he had to move the boat away from the surf every five minutes or so.

Pat baited the live bunker with a treble hook through its upper lip (I almost said through the nose) and handed me the rod. A one-ounce egg sinker allowed the line to run freely and I put the swimming bait down to the bottom in some twenty feet of water. Around us, in boats all along the beach, other anglers were doing likewise.

My bunker swam up to the top, so I reeled in and flipped it back again. This time something started to run off with the bait, and the click on the reel let out a racket. When I finally set the hook the fish kept going. It had to be a big bass.

After the usual battle the fish came alongside, looked at us, and headed for the bottom again. Another boat went by and I had visions of a cut line. Fortunately, it cleared and Pat artfully gaffed the fish. Four sighs went up from the boat as we noted that the treble hook was on the outside of the striper's lip. "Biggest fish you ever

caught," my brother remarked. "Right John." After eighteen years it felt good.

Not all the boats in the surf that day were big charter boats. Frank Pitello and Butch Smith were in a sixteen footer that they had to keep paddling to stay out of the waves, but they seemed to gun the engine just in the nick of time on each drift. They had six big bass to show for their efforts from before dawn, but I think I'll leave fishing that close to the surf to the experts. Nothing less than a perfectly tuned motor, oars and safety cushions, and experienced boatmen and fishermen, seem the minimum safety requirements for fishing in that close. It's not a game for amateurs.

Pat had another big bass come up and take a swipe at his bunker, but that was the rest of our close-in action. By nine all the boats were out trolling, but only one blue fell for the surgical tubes the rest of the day. The striper with the hook on the outside of its mouth looked bigger and bigger for its loneliness.

When the "bunker-dunking" season starts again next May I may be on the wrong side of the surf again.



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COXES LEDGE COD



by Ron Onorato

The silhouettes of the large party boats appeared in the darkness as we drove the car into the parking lot. Since it was 1:00 AM, there was little life on the docks and boats. We scanned the lineup of craft and had little trouble in detecting the boat we planned to fish from. The Peconic Queen II stood brazenly in the still waters of MONTAUK HARBOR. A huge sign that had "Cox's Ledge Special - 3:00 AM every Monday," imprinted on it stood above the ramp that led to the boat.

We removed everything from the car and placed it on the boat. Since there were a few spots still open on the stern, we decided to fish from that location and placed our paraphernalia on our chosen spots. Once we had everything in order, we grabbed a couple of hours of shuteye in the car.

The rumbling of huge Diesel engines abruptly awoke Mike Scarola and myself from an uneasy sleep. It was a little before 3:00 A.M., and time to depart. A few late-comers straggled onto the boat before all lines were cast off, but the Queen finally snaked its way through Montauk Harbor.

As soon as the boat passed out the twin jetties marking the entrance to Montauk Harbor, the engines were revved up and the course to the Ledge was planned. Since it takes about three hours to get to Cox's Ledge, many fishermen went below to sleep, while others played cards or tinkered around with their tackle.

The ride to the Ledge went very slowly, and there was a sigh of relief when the motors were slowed. In short order, the anchor was set and the signal to begin fishing was given. Unlike other trips to Cox's Ledge, in which action came fast, the fish were

initially slow to respond to the baits.

After 10 minutes - and several small fish - a couple of fishermen in the bow hit big fish. Action then spread to the rest of the boat. Mike Scarola was the first angler in the stern to hit into a decent fish. Although most of the fish were in the 5 to 10 pound range, there were enough 20 and 30 pound fish to give everyone some of the action.

As the day progressed, the action slowed down to a fair pick. Captain Jim Behan made several moves along the Ledge in a never ending effort to locate fish. Since we were guaranteed at least 8 hours of fishing time, there was plenty to spare for searching out the fish.

As is the case with a successful day's fishing, the signal to pull in lines was given all too soon. The day's result was

impressive. Several hundred cod ranging from 3 to 48 pounds had been caught; nobody was skunked, and there were many fishermen that had a dozen or more fish in their bags.

The sun was sinking in the west as the Queen once again snaked its way through the placid waters of Montauk Harbor. The mates were cleaning the boat and preparing everything for the next day's trip to the Ledge.

While most anglers tend to associate codfish with cold weather and winter, codfishing can be done the year 'round at Montauk Point. As the months of May and June roll in, many of the party boats give up the Block Island beat, and sail daily to the fertile feeding grounds of Cox's Ledge. Pleasant weather and warm temperatures are the rule rather than the



Fisherman slugs it out with a fish in the stern.

exception at this time of the year.

Cox's Ledge is roughly 40 miles off Montauk Point, and covers an area of ocean that encompasses several miles. The bottom is rich in marine life; this accounts for the enormous quantity of codfish found there. The depth of the water averages from about 90 to 100 feet. As the bottom temperature warms up sometime in May, the cod take residence there and remain until about the end of September.

Sturdy tackle is a must if you plan to fish Cox's Ledge. On each trip there are always many cod in the 40 and 50 pound range that are caught, and each summer some lucky fisherman nails a fish in the 60 pound range. The size of the fish, plus the need for heavy sinkers when wind and currents are strong, necessitates the use of substantial tackle.

Any stout boat rod of 6 or 7 feet length, and capable of handling sinkers of 12 or 14 ounces, is a good bet. A matching reel filled with at least 30 or 40 pound mono is necessary. Make sure that the spool of the reel is metal, and that you have plenty of line on the reel.

Terminal tackle is kept on the simple side. Unlike codfishing at other locations during the fall or winter, where you may use two hooks, when fishing at Cox's Ledge it is recommended that just a single hook be used. Any type of Claw or Sproat hook, ranging from 3/0 or 4/0 for small cod to 7/0 or 8/0 for the big cow cod, can be used. I like to attach these hooks to a three foot leader of 50 pound test leader material. The heavy leader helps when you are fishing over a rocky or foul bottom, as it lessens the chances of losing a fish from frayed lines.

The simplest way to rig the single hook is to use a three way swivel. To one eye of the swivel you add a two or three foot length of monofilament, and at the end of the line you add the sinker. The hook is then attached to another eye of the swivel. The terminal end of the monofilament is then tied to the remaining eye. By rigging up in this manner, the hook seldom tangles with the line.

The one bait that is used almost exclusively for cod is the skimmer clam; during the course of a day's fishing, several bushels of clams will be consumed. Some fishermen like to use a whole squid on the hook, but I find that a single skimmer is more than sufficient. The smaller bait will

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GET THE LEAD OUT

by Mickey Chiarenza

Leadhead lures are as much a necessity to the casting, trolling or jigging angler as sinkers are to the bottom bait fisherman. The end result is the same; they function to get the bait near the bottom, in view and presence of the game fish.

These lures are most productive, when compared to surface lures, because of the fact that fish are found down near the bottom a great percentage of the time that we are out looking for them. There are times when a fisherman can reap a harvest with surface lures in shallow water, or when surface feeding fish crash through the surface in pursuit of baitfish, but these times are few as compared to the day-by-day basis of reality.

Even when fish are on the surface the leadhead lends versatility to the angler in that he may gain better casting distance to reach spooky fish, or reach a school that is slowly moving away.

A small leadhead can be fished on or near the surface due to its lightness. At times, even large fish prefer small baits, so the weight of the lure offers the necessary advantage in getting off a good cast despite its small size.

For greater casting distance, heavier leadheads can be fished near the surface in the following manner: with spinning tackle (manual pick-up preferred), after making your cast, extend your forefinger so that the line is running off your finger just as the lure reaches the water's surface, then crimp your finger and touch the spool in such a manner as to catch the line and bring the cast to a sudden halt. Begin your retrieve at that instant. With a little practice a leadhead can begin travelling through the water on its way back to you the moment it touches.

If the fish suddenly decide to go to a deeper level, let the lure sink while you count in order to test various levels.

When attempting to keep a leadhead near the surface, especially if it is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce, a stepped-up speed is necessary on the retrieve to keep it there. This rapid retrieve sometimes enhances the lure by imitating one of the baitfish

escaping the snapping jaws of hungry fish.

Early spring fish hug the bottom in search of worms, crabs, shrimp, sand eels and other baits. Even summer sends gamefish to the depths most of the time as the bright, hot sun makes lighting conditions and surface temperatures less to their liking. Another reason for fishing deep is the increased activity from water skiers, cruising boats, swimmers and hundreds of trollers producing excessive noise over and down into the water.

As evening advances with the falling sun, and a coolness is felt in the twilight of quiet peaceful water, it's again time for bass, blues and weaks to begin their inward movement along channel edges. This is the time for a leadhead; a lure to get down deep along channel edges, deep holes, marsh banks and cuts just as the fish are preparing for dinner.

Leadheads offer still another advantage, this one for trollers. As many know, lead-core or single-strand wire line is used as a tool to slice through the water to bring lures down to the level of feeding fish.

The International Gamefish Association, however, has a rule that makes metal lines forbidden when fishing for record fish, so, in an effort to stay within the boundaries of their rule, there is a substitute method that works within reason. Since leaders are not a part of the actual line spooled on

the reel and are not required to test to the specifications of the record, heavy mono and even wire can be used for the leader. You will have to check the regulations for the maximum length, but staying within twenty feet is sufficient - and allowed.

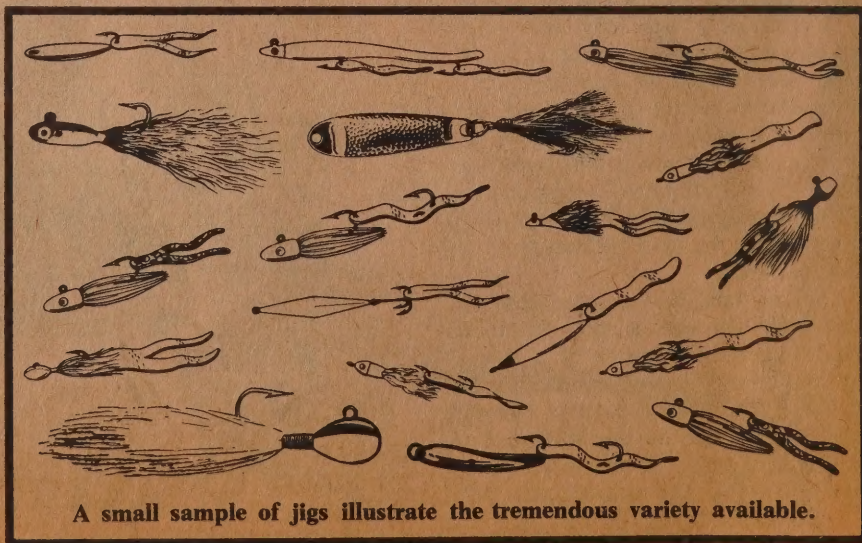
Using thread line or mono with a heavier test leader, a leadhead tube eel weighing from 3 to 10 ounces can be trolled successfully near the bottom in as deep as 40 feet of water. Depending on the currents, the depth one can attain will vary, but even a 3 oz. eel, trolled near the shore in 10 to 15 feet of water from dusk to daybreak on a long line of at least 100 feet, puts you into the ball game if you wish to try for a record fish, or a fish without wire.

The Tri-Fin shaped leadhead tube eel excels in this technique because it has considerable action even at a very slow pace, and sinks down to the bottom faster than most lures for its size and weight. The heaviest of these eels appear to be most effective during the late fall months.

This technique also works very well offshore where very large game is found during the summer months. Here the fish lie in the twilight zone, observing passing baitfish in the upper sunlit surface waters. The lures can reach this zone by "slow" trolling.

Leadhead lures come in many forms, sizes, shapes and colors, with many types of added materials

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A small sample of jigs illustrate the tremendous variety available.

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The Doormats of Montauk

by Scott Simons

Question: How does one entice an 11-pound doormat fluke to peacefully swim into your net - which happens to be a short-handled, fresh water trout net with a 10" hoop? **Answer:** Well, after you get him to bend himself in half, you . . .

It doesn't really matter which of us forgot to put the net in the boat — Mike thought I had, Frank thought I had, and I kept changing the subject. The fact remained that it wasn't in the boat. Fortunately, Mike found a small trout net under one of the seats. It looked like something you would expect to receive in one of the "487 Pieces of Fishing Tackle Only \$2.98" ads you see in Teenage Confession magazines. But we figured it would do the job, as most of the fluke we had taken this year in the Great South Bay would have easily fit through the 10" hoop sideways. But we forgot we were at Montauk.

After arriving at the Point at first light, we began a slow drift right under the lighthouse. The water was lying down like a sheet of glass, as there was no wind and it was the change of the tide. Twenty unproductive minutes had passed when suddenly fish began to make swirls all around the boat. Quickly changing our bottom rigs for lures, we began casting to the swirls and discovered, to our great disappointment, that the fish were not

bass or bluefish but the "lowly" mackerel. We bagged a dozen or so before the school departed, whereupon we returned to our drift with fluke rigs. Little did we know that these mackerel were to be the key to the greatest day of fluke fishing we had ever experienced before, or since.

As the tide began to run, thereby picking up the drift, we began taking fish. Using squid strips for bait, we caught about a dozen fluke in the 2-4 lb. range in three short drifts from the lighthouse west. The squid we were using were small, necessitating short strips. Knowing from past experience that doormats like long, big baits I cut up one of the mackerel into strips about 7" long and 1" wide, and exchanged my long-snelled 3/0 Eagle Claw hook for a tandem hook rig I had tied specifically for long strip baits. (See diagram.)

I lowered the rig to the bottom and was quickly rewarded with a doormat-size fluke of about 6 lbs. The fact that the only fluke we had taken until this Montauk venture were the many shorts of Great South Bay made this 6-pounder appear to be even larger than it was. Frank and Mike saw the bait I had used and both quickly made the change-over to mackerel strips.

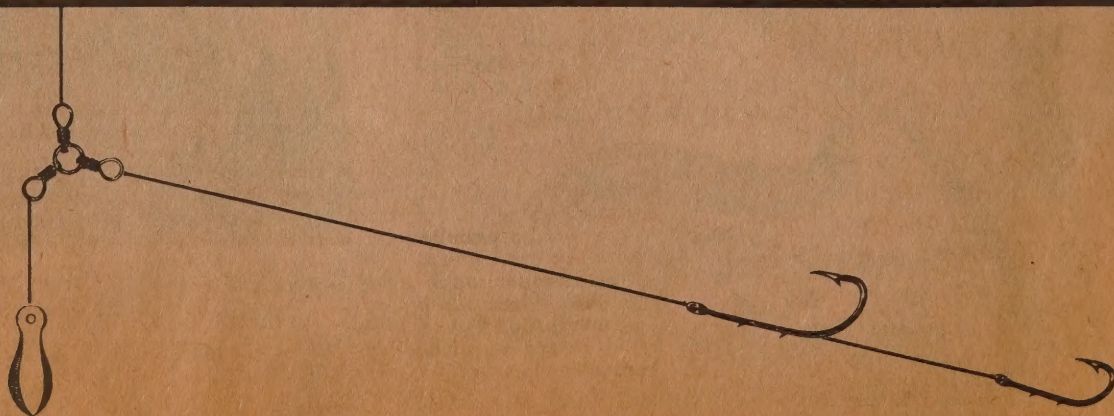
Shortly thereafter, Frankie hooked-up with a fish that he couldn't move

off the bottom. Keeping a steady pressure on the fish, Frank eventually got him to give up his hug to the bottom and slowly began to work him to the surface. Meanwhile, I reeled in and stood ready with the net. Ready? I had begun to admonish myself for leaving the large net at home when Frankie's leader came into view . . .

It was the largest fluke I had ever seen alive in the water. Where my 6-pounder made the Great South Bay fluke look like postage stamps, Frank's fish put mine in the Great South Bay category. At seeing the size of the doormat, I looked at the trout net in my hand and thought to myself, "There ain't no way."

My next thought was to try lifting him and quickly swinging him into the boat. I looked down and could see that he was only lip-hooked, so this was out. So was grabbing him by the gills — if the fluke was startled and suddenly dove it would be all over. Time was running out — although the fluke was obviously tired and just laying there, it would only be a matter of seconds before he got his second wind and came back fighting.

Meanwhile, Frank was calmly standing there with a "What do I do now? What the Hell are you waiting for? Hurry before I cry!" look. Placing the net in the water a few feet in front of the fish, I slowly eased the



net toward his head. Seeing the net before him, the fluke suddenly lunged forward, while at the same time I lunged with the net.

The fluke made it only about halfway into the mouth of the net, but it was enough to allow me to flip him into the boat. There was no need to unhook him, since the hook had departed somewhere during the operation. Thoroughly enmeshed in the net, we couldn't figure for the life of us how to get him out.

After four or five minutes of twisting and turning we finally managed to extricate the fish without cleaning him first. Six hours later Frank's fluke tipped the scales at a shade over ten pounds.

The fluke fishing at Montauk is first rate, more than a notch above such fluke-famous areas as the New Cut in Moriches Bay. But they are often overshadowed by the Cox's Ledge codfish bonanza and the famous striped runs, and one seldom hears of them except as a footnote.

Before the long fluke drought of recent years, it was a common practice for charter boats that had had an off-day with bass and blues to stop

along the north side of the point and bag a couple of dozen fluke for their parties dinner table.

The most popular and productive area is the North Rips, but just about anywhere around the point will harbor fluke. Shagwong Reef, the Mid-way Buoy and both the North and South shores around the point all produce. Your best bet is to check the latest L.I. Fisherman and local reports for the areas that are producing at any particular time.

The fluke you will be catching will range from 3 pounds up to the largest of doormats, so big baits are a must. Long strip baits, 7-8 inches long and about 1 inch wide - with a taper, are baited on a tandem hook rig that is easy enough to make. Use a long snell of at least 40-lb. test monofilament. The first hook should be a 4/0 Eagle Claw, and the second hook is a 2/0 or 3/0, tied about 4 inches below.

The large hook goes at the widest part of the strip bait and the smaller hook is loosely hooked wherever it falls. Make sure the bait doesn't bend in the middle — you want it to flutter naturally. Strips of fresh mackerel, large squid, fluke bellies, sea robins

and bergalls all work well. Tie the tandem hook rig about 6 inches above the sinker and just drift with the current.

And now, the key to success . . . the drop-back. The importance of this drop-back cannot be overstressed, as it is the difference between a successful catch or a dismal one. These large fluke will not strike like bluefish, or gulp the bait like their younger brothers in the bay. They simply grab your bait and hold it in their mouths. The only thing you will feel is a slight pressure as your rig stops bouncing on the bottom, almost like you were in the process of getting snagged.

Whenever you feel this sudden pressure just open your bail (or put your reel in free-spool) and slowly feed out line to relieve the pressure. Wait 5-10 seconds and then close the bail, or put your reel in gear. Then reel in any slack line and **slowly** lift the tip of the rod until you can feel the weight of the fish — then strike, hard! If you don't feel the weight of the fish, or miss him, just let your line back down and try again. More times than not he'll grab it again.

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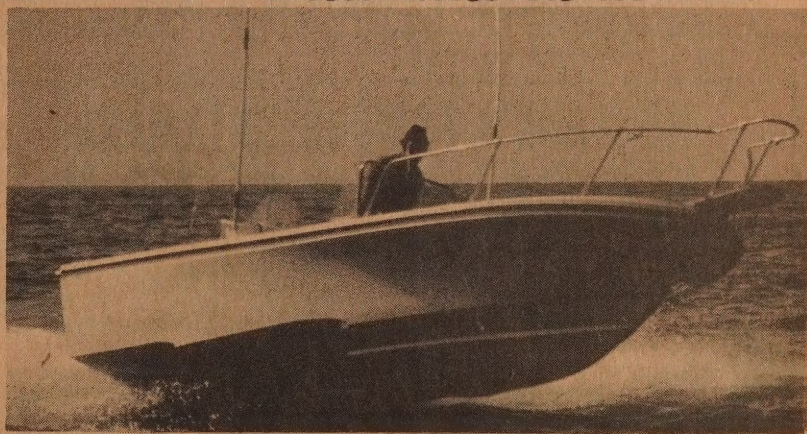
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GIANT TUNA

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Terminal tackle is simple but critical. Unless the fish are extremely wary, 12/0 triple strength hooks and #15 wire are standard. Under some circumstances it may be necessary to drop down to 10/0 hooks and #12 wire.

When fishing among the draggers it's best to use the same bait the draggers are throwing over (usually ling and whiting), and also to chum with the same. Cut the ling and whiting you obtain from the draggers into pieces and dribble them overboard. Bunker chum doesn't seem to be effective here as it is on the Rhode Island coast. After that, it's mainly a matter of waiting as you chum, though I'll discuss some specific techniques in future articles. It's not necessary to rig the bait. Simply hook it through head or tail and drift it back.

You can set your lines for various depths by use of styrofoam floats and light sinkers (tied to your snap with a rubber band so so it will come off when fighting a fish).

Other necessities include harnesses, gaffs and a means to get the huge fish aboard. Best harness is the "seat" type which allows you to slide back and forth in the chair as you pump the fish with your whole body. Next choice is the kidney harness, which simply wraps around your lower back. The shoulder harness is the poorest selection as it forces you to work with your upper back instead of your legs. Unlike sharks, tuna don't twist when hit with a gaff, so you can use either a very heavy straight gaff or a flying gaff. Indeed, it's a good idea to have both aboard. Also have a dozen pairs of fishing gloves which have some nylon content.

Best means of getting a tuna aboard is through a stern door. Most boats, however, have to rely on gin poles. Actually, your best bet is to tag and release the great fish - but more on this in the next article.

What to do when you hook up; how to catch giant tuna from a small boat; where to go besides Montauk - all these subjects will be covered in the next few weeks. In the meantime, start getting your boat equipped and your muscles toned up!

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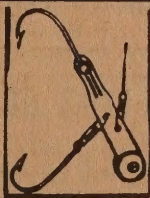
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COXES LEDGE

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tempt the smaller fish, but if you go to the other extreme and put on several skimmers, even a medium size fish may pass it up for a smaller morsel. On your single skimmer, simply place the barb of the hook through the meat several times and leave a little bit of the flesh flowing off the hook.

A cod will usually mouth the bait before inhaling it. For this reason, when you feel the "knock" of a fish, let him swallow it well before trying to set the hook.

On the rather heavy tackle that is used, a small fish will put up little resistance. If you hook into a fish of 30 pounds or more, however, you will sweat a little before you get him into your sack.

When the fishing gets hot, the mates are usually busy either gaffing fish or trying to untangle snarls. If you hook a fish and the hook has been deeply swallowed, you may have trouble getting it out. For this reason, it is best to have a hook disgorgor on hand to help facilitate the removal of the hook.

Because of the richness of the marine environment of the Ledge, there is always the chance of catching other species of fish there. Huge pollack are occasionally caught, and sharks of all varieties are present, as well as big bluefish. Even a big lobster is brought off the bottom on occasion. The grab bag variety of fish available makes the day's fishing even more exciting.

There are several boats that sail to Cox's Ledge on a daily basis. Since the ride is a rather long one, be prepared to spend a full day on the water if you decide to go. Some boats offer freezer filler specials in which you get extra time to load up on the fish. It costs a little more, but you get extra fish.

While most boatmen are busy fooling around with bass or bluefish, there is a certain type of fisherman who will sail for the "winter king" in the middle of summer. A fresh sack of cod fillets, plus the added bonus of being on the water in pleasant weather, makes the trip to Cox's Ledge that much more enjoyable.

GET THE LEAD OUT

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attached to the lead to enhance its ability to catch fish by imitating some sort of bait.

Basically there are two types: the "non-swimming" or jig types; and the swimming type with "built-in" action. The jig type must be worked; the angler must attempt to put life into this lure in an effort to imitate some kind of prey.

One main difference in jigs is in the materials offered that are attached to the lead. Some manufacturers have been clever enough to shape, and sometimes color, these lures to come very close in imitating a specific type of bait. Shrimp jigs, for example, are generally made of molded soft plastic bodies. Bucktail jigs have tied-on deer tail hairs in many dyed colors or in natural white, and sometimes they are found with added feathers. This brings to mind the feather jig popular with trollers, and made mostly with chicken plumage. Another is the nylon

jig made of long or short filaments of brightly colored nylon.

Another, and the newest of the lot, is the squid jig. The material used here is bright white or pink rubber tubing attached to a bright red lead head. In a short time this lure has already proven to be a deadly bait for bass and blues. Yet still another type is the chromed diamond jig.

All of these above-mentioned lures are classified as jigs, since they possess no built-in action of their own other than that inherent in the materials with which they are constructed that will sway with the jerks and sweeps of the angler's rod tip. Very rarely will fish be attracted to this type lure without the jigging, the only exception being for offshore surface-trolling when feathers will skip out of the water at a rapid trolling speed, and jigging is not necessary.

For those who believe that fishing is for relaxation, leadheads are manufactured with built-in action during a simple, straight retrieve. They can be trolled behind boats with no additional rod motion, and will take fish. These lures, although very few in number, provide various types of swimming action. The conventional trolling tube, for instance, with just a small ball of lead in front of the tube, is built to twist and corkscrew through the water when the proper trolling speed is attained, thus providing the "illusion" of a wiggle. The newest version of the leadhead tube lures is the patented tube "eel." It is justly named for it captures the movements of a live eel. Casting and trolling models are available.

Of the same design is a small split tail version with painted black eyes. These have been successful with the use of new, white tubing and other fish catching colors. These lures, over the past few years, have already proven to be deadly on stripers, blues, weaks and many other gamefish.

The last of the natural swimming leadheads are the lures that are built with the soft plastic bodies that resemble eels, worms or other baits. They, too, are fabulous at times.

Any fisherman worth his salt must carry leadheads, whether they be made with bucktail, with feathers plucked from a chicken, or with materials such as rubber tubing or nylon. Jigged or straight-retrieved, they prove to be powerful weapons for one simple reason - they get down deep.

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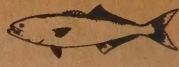
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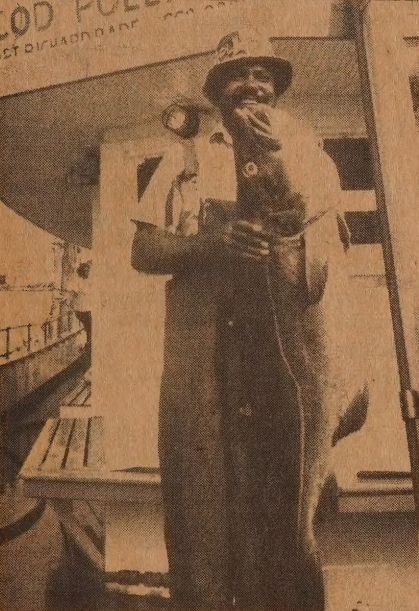
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South Shore Report

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Capt. George Glas of the Hel-Cat Fleet says that he is suspending the Cox's Ledge fishing trips now that the bluefish are in. He says that the bluefish are eating everything in sight and it's good that the boats are made of steel. To prove his point he told of one customer that lowered the tip of his rod into the water and the bluefish he had on bit the tip of it off. Quick action by the mate saved the fish.

Capt. Rade of the Marlin III is catching big cod off Block Island during the week. These fish have been going up to 50 lbs. with the average catch between 5 and 8 per man. Wednesday they had over 100 codfish of from 30 to 50 lbs. The pool winner had a 59 lb. cod.



Mr. Charlie Howard of Brooklyn was pool winner aboard the Marlin III on July 18 with a 54½ lb. cod. Anglers continue to average 15 to 20 fish per man. Photo by Marlin III.

Capt. Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II said that there are so many 50 lb. fish coming over the rail at Cox's Ledge that they have stopped counting. Sunday's pool winner was John Farago of the Bronx, N.Y. with a 63 lb. codfish. On Sunday it was a case of the experienced fisherman not being able to catch a fish over 20 lbs. and the less experienced or the "tourist" catching nothing less than 20 lbs.

Betty Dorman of the Viking Skipper called to report excellent fishing southeast of Block Island in 105 ft. of water. On Saturday the high hook was Dave Geller of Rockaway with 21 cod. On Sunday the pool was split between Mickey Canajla of New Jersey and Billy Boyce who tied with 20 cod apiece.

SAG HARBOR

Andy Mayer of Bayview Tackle & Bait tells us that weakfish are being caught on the top and bottom at the Monestary. The Salty Dog lure gets them on top and the hi-lo rig baited with squid gets those on the bottom. Porgies are doing well at South Ferry, Buoy #16 and Cedar Point. Worms and skimmers are the best baits. Striped bass are being trolled at the South Ferry on white Tri-Fin lures. These are 3-4 lb. fish. Blues are sometimes around on top.

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina called to tell of the wonderful fishing in the rain on Saturday. Ross Brown with his uncle Harold and Marcel Giulluame fished off Long Beach in the rain and had over 100 weaks of 1½ to 3 lbs. These were caught on worms and squid. Three anglers from New Jersey, Tenyo, Melcoch and Kulutch, caught over 50 weaks near the marina on squid and Salty Dog lures. Sunday was another bonanza day with George Jenneveich and wife and daughter of Seaford, N.Y. fishing off Short Beach. They caught 18 weaks, 2 kings, 1 blue and 1 fluke on squid while chumming with bunker.

SHINNECOCK

Clark Bellows, Jr. has been porgy fishing west of Robins Island on some wrecks. This porgy fishing is so good that they are getting multiple catches. He said that one customer had four at one time. Weakfishing is getting stronger every day although erratic. This is because they are chasing sand eels and sometimes move three or four miles at a time. Sunday there were 65 weaks caught and on the Thursday before they had 150 weaks.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reported that the flounder are still around but slowing. There is good fluke action between the inlet and the bridge with the East Channel showing some good action. Buoy #20 is another good spot for fluke. Blues of from 1 to 3 lbs. are being caught in the bay.

MORICHES

Live killies got a 13 lb. 12 oz. fluke for Rocco Mazzone of Brooklyn, reported Tadsen's Fishing Station. There are plenty of fluke and though many are small you can keep enough of those over 14 inches. A lot of these fish are coming from the inlet, the new cut and Buoy #27.

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station says fluke are strong in the channels and there are still some flounder around. School stripers mixed with blues were caught on Heddon poppers at the Coast Guard Station. Big blues of 8-10 lbs. are being caught on wire line and surge lures outside of the inlet by the Bell Buoy.



A knife was used to "gaff" this 11½ lb. fluke caught by Gary Soltis. The bait was a killie fished near Buoy 20 in Shinnecock Bay. Photo by Tony's Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reported that while the fluke fishing slowed, weakfish are taking the squid bait and that is making the fishermen happy. Blues are also taking the squid baits meant for the fluke. They are also taking small Hopkins on top. These blues are running 1-2 lbs. Crabs are all over the bay now and they are being caught pretty well at night. Crabs with orange eggs appearing on the bottom rear of the shell should be returned to the water untouched. Don't try to wipe the eggs off and keep the crab as the eggs will not survive without the mother. The more you return now, the more will be available next year.

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Capt. George Tweedy of the Capt. Scotty called with a report of catching bluefish only a ½ hour out of the inlet during the week. On Sunday he fished outside of Jones Inlet and it was a slaughter. Bluefish of from 4 to 10 lbs. were being caught equally well on bait or diamond jigs.

Bob of the Captree Bait Station says

that the Robert Moses pier is producing some small flounder and decent sized fluke. There are a few snappers but they are very small. The kids would love to fish for them. At the Captree dock the fishing is exceptional but only on the slack of the tide due to all the angel hair coming through the channel. Lots of fluke are being caught and people are fishing for snappers even though they are small. On the inlet side pier there are some fluke.

I called all the skippers of the boats at Captree and only got two responses and wondered why. Bob told me that all the boats are either out getting lots of fluke, 4 or 5 per man, or knocking them dead with blues, about 10-15 per man. He has weighed in plenty of blues from the party boats, some of 16 and 17 lbs. Bob said the anglers are coming off the boats with 10 to 15 fish per man.

BABYLON

The Babylon Sports Center reported that loads of blues are being trolled deep on wire about 6 miles out at the N.B. Buoy.

The Babylon Fishing Station reported that blue claw crabs are all over the bay, especially in the evenings. Fluke fishing is very good east of the Captree Bridge around Buoys 4 and 5. There is also good fluke fishing between the Moses Bridge and the inlet. Some weakfish are being taken east of the Captree Bridge, around Buoys 3, 4 and 5, on artificial shrimp. There are some tuna offshore.

Augie's Bait & Tackle reported very good tuna fishing 165 degrees south of the inlet in 120' of water at the N.B. Buoy. Fred Kramer's "Small Fry" landed a 28 lb. tuna over the weekend. Weakfish are off Heckscher Park. Bay blues are taking artificials east of the Fire Island Bridge. Snappers and crabs are available at the docks. The tuna that were caught over the weekend were taken on mackerel jigs and butterfish jigs and feathers.

LINDENHURST

Capt. Pete Colt of the charter boat Moby D had the Friendly Ice Cream charter out and the lads hit blues in the 12-17 lb. class. This action took place in 90 ft. of water south of the Fire Island Inlet. The fish were trolled and chummed, though chumming drew a ton of sharks.

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that seven tuna were taken on the My

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Charlie's West reported very good fluking, particularly at the Coast Guard Station and the mouth of the Fire Island Inlet. This is all inside fishing. Bass and blues are available at the inlet. The bargekeeper at the old Coast Guard station had 25 weeks, from 5-7 lbs., on Thursday night. The weeks fell for runner shrimp tipped with a small squid strip. Snappers and crabs are available at the docks.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Tackle reported good fluke fishing from the Wantagh Bridge to West Island. Live killies are outfishing the squid two to one. Joe Ernie of Massapequa, fishing Wanser's Cut, came in with a fish box full. The fluke weighed from 2 to 4 lbs. Weakfish are in the deep holes of the State Channel and shrimp chum can get them up to 6 lbs. George has live bass eels and he says that good sized bass can be had on the ebb tide from Zachs Bay to the 3rd bridge. George wants to remind all those who are crabbing to return unharmed any crabs that have orange colored eggs at the rear and bottom of the shell. The more you return now, the more you will get later.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported that Al Messina of Massapequa took 14 fluke. Six were keepers and went to 3 lbs. On Sunday, Fred O'Casey and his son had 11 fluke to 4½ lbs. Fred also weighed in a 10 lb. blue and told of two men in the boat next to him that had their reels stripped of line when he caught his blue. Carmine reported that there are a lot of short fluke around.

Pop's Fishing Station reported that there is good fluke fishing available with fewer shorts now. Weakfish are holding up well. There are quite a few of 4 and 5 pounds.

WANTAGH

The Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that bass and blues are being taken along Cedar Beach by surf-casters using bait, tins and Stan Gibbs Polaris plugs. Weakfish are back in some numbers in the bays. Flounder are still being caught off the Jones Beach piers. Some snappers are

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available too. The fluke fishing' is holding. Bigger baits are getting the bigger fish. Try smelts, advises Frank. Eels took a lot of big bass on night tides this week.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reported that trollers took big blues all day Sunday one mile south of Jones Inlet, trolling deep with surge tubes. Mixed in with the blues were 5-6 lb. weaks. During the late afternoon, the fish were on top and they took everything and anything. This action took place in the Bell Buoy area. Fluke are active, however, the pigmy parade continues. One out of ten fish is a keeper. There are no weaks in the bay. Schoolie and lunker bass are being chummed at the bridges.

N.Y. Bight Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Al Lindroth of the party boat Capt. Al reports fishing the area of the Three Sisters Wreck south of Angler most of last week with good results. Al said on Sunday the fish were found just 15 to 20 minutes southeast of Jones Inlet. Al reports that the fish were of good size and could be baited or jigged with equal success.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Freeport Star Stream reports good blue action most of this week south of Angler Grounds. On Saturday, Richie fished in the area of the Emaculada Wreck but was forced to leave when the area became overburdened with fishing boats. Richie said he then moved to the east side of the Mud Hole where they caught fish. On Sunday, Richie referred to the fishing as a slaughter just 10 to 20 minutes southeast of Jones Inlet with most fish weighing between 4 to 10 lbs.

Capt. Bill Meischberger of the Capt. Jack VI said night bluefishing has been holding up very well. Bill reports substantial catches this past week and also notes that the fish are of exceptional size.

Capt. Sy Karlin of the charter boat Blue Fin reports that he had excellent bluefish action this past weekend. Sy said on Saturday he fished east of the Stain with good results. On Sunday, Sy had to venture only 20 minutes southeast of Jones Inlet to find excellent action.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the party boat Angler II reports this past week's fishing has been good. Art reports fishing south of Angler Banks most of the week. On Sunday the fish were found just 10 to 20 minutes southeast of Jones Inlet and Capt. White said you could catch just as many blues as you might want.

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports good fluke fishing on the flats in Middle Bay. Other hot spots for fluke include Jones Inlet between Buoy 13 and the jetty. Ed said boats have been averaging about 5 to 8 keeper fluke. Some weakfish action was also reported on the ocean side off Lido. These fish are being caught on squid and shrimp lures. Ed said Swift Creek and also the Coast Guard Station continue to yield good flounder catches. Striper action continues fair to good for clam chummers at the Meadowbrook and Loop bridges.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports plenty of small to medium sized fluke being taken in Reynolds Channel. John said that Capt. Clam Esposito of the party boat Commodore had been fishing in the area off Riis Park, Rockaway. However, later in the week Clem began fishing off the New Jersey coast where he reports catching larger fish. John said for the local fishermen a few porgies and a small showing of



Celine Steinberg's first bass weighed 8½ and ¾ lbs., and were taken on drifted sandworms in the Long Beach area on July 13. She fished aboard her brother, Howard's, boat. Happy birthday!

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Abner Schmidt of Far Rockaway caught this 7¼ lb. fluke on squid at Debs Inlet on July 14. Photo by Henning's Fishing Station.

weakfish was made in the east end of Reynolds Channel.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reports good to excellent fluke fishing from Reynolds Channel down the beach to Riis Park. Some weaks also beginning to show both in Reynolds Channel and also off the beach on the ocean side. Sharpies using fresh bunker continue to catch bass up to 20 lbs. Sy said surfcasters have been catching school bass off Atlantic Beach using clam bait. On the weekend, Sy reports a blue bonanza just outside Debs Inlet with boat fishermen trolling and jigging all the blues they wanted.

JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of the Cros Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports plenty of sand porgies being caught along the Rockaway seawall. Fluke are in good supply along the Floyd Bennett piers and under the Marine Bridge, however, these areas must be fished from a boat. A few weaks are being caught in the bay. John said striper action has been slow, however, blue claw crabbing continues excellent.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa IV said this week's blue action has been running hot and cold. Rocky said on Saturday he fished 6 to 8 miles

southeast of the B.A. Buoy and found very strong tidal conditions. As a result the fishing was only so-so. On Sunday, conditions did improve along with the fishing and Rocky said the fish were jumbos, weighing up to 16 lbs. As a result of their excessive size, Rocky said more fish were being lost than were being caught.

Joe Lauro, Jr. of the Stella Maris Fishing Station reports school stripers being trolled off Nortons Point on tubes. Porgies of mixed sizes are being caught on the Tin Can Grounds. Joe said the fluke fishing slowed up this past week, but the crabbing continues good.

Mike's Tackle Shop reports most party boats returned with excellent catches of blues on Sunday night. Mike also reports plenty of porgies on the Tin Can Grounds. Most of these

fish are small but there are some porgies of 2 and 3 lbs. mixed in. Mike said bass fishermen continue to troll small stripers off Breezy Point and off Rockaway Beach.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports this past week's action has once again favored the boat fisherman. Lenny said that surf fishing has been spotty. The only bright spot for beach fishermen has been the excellent fluke fishing. About 60 to 70 percent have been shorts though. Snapper fishing continues good. Small sand porgies are also being caught. For the boat fishermen, West Bank Light, Oakwood Beach, Princess Bay and Annadale have all been yielding good catches of bass and blues. Another hot spot for trollers has been

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SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian Bait Co. reports that striper action continues good along the Atlantic Highlands and also Sandy Hook. Joe said that the fish are running smaller than what they have been in recent weeks. However, there are still some fish in the 30 lb. class being caught. Blues are also being trolled along the Jersey shore. Joe reports weakfish have been caught in the area of the ammunition pier in Leonardo.

North Shore Report

ORIENT

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station had a few boats out on Saturday that did well on porgies. On Sunday he had about 40 boats out. Those that went around the point to Petty's Bight caught large porgies of 1-1½ lbs. Blues of 6-14 lbs. were caught in Plum Gut on 8 oz. diamond jigs. Blackfish to 3 lbs. were taken at the lighthouse. Some fluke are being caught at Green Hills at Gardiners Island and Constellation Rock by Plum Island.

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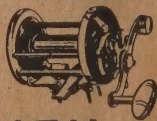
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SOUTHOLD

Porgies by the hundreds are at the Windmill and Buoy #16. The porgy fishing is nice and steady at these spots, with worms and skimmers being best in the bait department. The weakfish are still trying to come back. Squid and worms at the Brickyard are catching weaks to 4 lbs. but only 2-10 per boat. The porgies make up for any lull in the action.

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MILLER PLACE

Barry of Queensland Cove Tackle reports weighing in big striped bass, one of 39½ lbs. and two of 40 lbs. These bass were caught from boats trolling live sandworms about 400 yards off the beach at Rocky Point. He also told of several people catching bluefish, striped bass and weakfish, all of them at the same time and place. The place, the beach at Rocky Point, and the method was casting poppers and Creek Chubs. Porgies are still in good supply and can be caught from the beach also.

Dick's Sporting Goods told of three men, Artie Johnson, Bill and John, who went fishing Friday night in all that rain. He said that although they



Grandpa poses with Lou Anne and Louis Zarrella holding bluefish, 4 to 8 lbs., caught NW of Cranes Neck Point

looked like drowned rats, they had nine striped bass. He weighed in the big one which went 48 lbs. and said that the smallest fish looked at least 25 pounds. Some of the younger fishermen are getting small bass back in the grass at Mount Sinai Harbor on worms and small poppers.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph's Fishing Station reports better porgy fishing. The fish are large but not quite humpback size. Fluke fishing remains good, with most catches coming from the area of Buoy 11, about half way to shore as well as Cedar Beach. Drifting along with live killies is producing about 8-10 fish, with half of them being keepers to 4 lbs. Blues of about 3-5 lbs. were caught by trolling along the shore and out by the lobster pots. Quite a few weakfish were caught in the harbor by porgy fishermen in boats.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Port Jeff Ace's Captain, Joe Cash, says that the porgy fishing is very good. On Sunday he had about forty people on board and everybody had at least one bucket of fish. He said that they are catching a few blacks. The Captain will start chumming for blues when they come in stronger. According to his calendar of last year this action took place the first week of August. His son's boat, Falcon II, is under charter to the township daily but has taken a few people out when not on charter. He is getting blues about half way between Kings Park and Norwalk.

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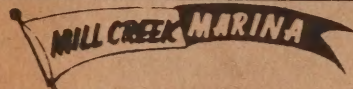
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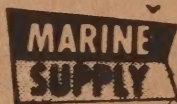
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HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of the Four
Winds Tackle Shop was out fishing
Sunday night and woke up enough to
tell about the clam chummers having
a field day off Eatons Neck. These
fishermen are picking up striped bass,
10-15 per boat, and averaging 4-12
lbs. George caught a 30 lb. 14 oz. bass
while clam chumming. Bluefish were

also caught with the clam chum and these fish went 8-10 lbs. Trolling with bucktails and wire line is also getting striped bass. The worm trollers and live eel drifters are getting striped bass to 36 lbs. from Target Rock to Lloyd Point. Porgies and weaks are still at Sand City.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veterans Fishing Station reported a man coming in on Saturday with eleven striped bass, the largest weighing 18 lbs. He also had seven blues. These fish were trolled in the waters from the Causeway to Whitewood Point using a Rebel plug. Both species of fish were hitting at the same time. Sunday, in the early A.M., anglers were catching both bass and weakfish by the bluffs. Bluefish were being trolled throughout the harbor but this action decreased as the boat traffic increased.

MANHASSET BAY

Red Smith's Tackle reported that there are weakfish at Kings Point and they are taking shrimp lures. The porgies are plentiful all over while the blues are spotty at best. Blackfishing is also spotty. Trolling a 3/4 oz. yellow Hopkins bucktail, yellow surge tube or a red Tri-Fin is producing striped bass. These are small bass but some are running to 20 lbs.

CITY ISLAND

Blues are all over reported Jack's Bait & Tackle. No Nations, Execution Rock and the Hempstead racing buoy are the spots. The racing buoy off Mamaroneck produced twelve blues to 12 lbs. for the charter boat Shamrock. Chumming with mackerel is also successful.

John Palmieri of John's Gun & Tackle reports blues are being caught on wire line and his special surge tubes. Lots and lots of blues from 3 to 7 lbs. are being caught, with most going 7 lbs. Chumming with mackerel is taking bass as well as blues. Throwing a 7/8 oz. Atom popper at the Larchmont breakwater produced 30 striped bass for one of John's customers. He had about ten keepers that weighed three to four pounds.

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MILFORD

Demonstrations, petitions, and much complaining is the result of Judge Newman's order changing the limit from 2 miles to 1/2 mile for bunker boats operating along the Connecticut shoreline. Vin Ciulla of the Sportsman's Rendezvous reported that over 3,000 irate anglers and citizens have already signed petitions in the Milford area alone. This past Saturday, too late for my deadline, a boat-in demonstration took place in the Charles Island area, to convey to the public the building resentment against this order.

Fishing has slowed considerably, Vince tells us. Weakfish are fair on the inside, a few fluke are still being taken, but what was a bonanza for big bass has really slumped. Blues are only fair, and they did show on the surface near Buoy 18 off Bridgeport.

NORWALK

More complaints concerning bunkers, and this time it's the DEAD variety, floating on the surface by the thousands in Norwalk and Darien waters. We first got the word from the Bait Shop in Darien at noon on Wednesday. By Thursday, many calls were coming in, and the first fish had drifted ashore in Rowayton with the tide. Acres of fish continue to float around, so it's not known where the stench of decaying fish will show up next.

Cities and towns up and down the line are irate over the bunker boat situation, and well they should be. I received complaints from most of the tackle shops along my beat this week, and they were relaying the gripes of dozens of other fishermen. It breaks down to a simple question. Is Long Island Sound more valuable as a resource for recreation, or for commercial purposes? My choice is simple. Enough of complaints, as I could go on for hours.

Norwalk waters may have suffered from the disappearance of this favorite baitfish, but anglers are doing well with wire on bluefish at spots like Buoy 11B and Cranes Neck. The triple rig is the ticket according to Rick Mola of Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle. Fifty one fish divided among two boats for the Mola clan, at Cranes Neck, or

more precise, about 4 miles NW of there. The fish run anywhere from 6 to 12 lbs. Weaks are packing inside the Norwalk Islands, around Manresa and Tavern Islands, and while they're smaller than the ones taken earlier in the season, they are hitting. Some school bass action throughout the islands. Of course, it's only coincidental that this area is a spot prohibitive to menhaden boats.

Rita Utz at Four Winds cruised for miles looking for baitfish and came back without a one. One big striper was brought in by Mrs. Salmon, over 50 lbs.

At the Tackle Box, Gloria Borges had many big fish to report, ranging from thirty pounds to the high forties, all while the bunker were still around. John Bucca and Steve Cantrell, both teenagers, scored with fish in the mid-thirties. All were taken around the Norwalk Islands.

ROWAYTON

Burt Van Seiver at the Bait Shop reports several bass in the twenties and thirties coming in from the Collanders Point area.

BRIDGEPORT

Ted Ferrante at Ted's Bait reports good fishing off of Bridgeport. Trollers are cleaning up on blues on the triple rig, again in the Cranes Neck are Walt Johnson picked up 35 using this method. Phil Marrazitta picked up five 6 pounders around Buoy 24C off Norwalk on the surface. Porgies, too, are plentiful.

At Bob's Bait, Bob Zam Pidri was smiling with his first fish over 21 lbs. this year. Bob also tells us of more top-water action off St. Mary's By The Sea in Bridgeport.

STONINGTON

While blues at the Rcw are big in this area, fluke are the big drawing card at Freddy's Boat Livery. The west side of Isabella, and the pink house off Watch Hill are fluke hotspots, with many fish weighing in over 10 lbs., and that's no fluke if you'll pardon the pun. Flounders are also still running, and there are porgies by the bucketful.

MYSTIC

Schaefer's Boat Livery was also raving about the fluke inside Fisher's Island. School bass are hitting at Nappatree Point. Blues in the Race are there for the drop of a diamond jig. Porgies continue to hit very well.

NEW LONDON

Charters are mixing blues and stripers, according to the report from Marsters Dock. A typical catch was noted by the Pangera, skippered by

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PARTY BOATS

Both the Theresa-L out of Norwalk, and the Delmar out of Greenwich are reporting fair catches of blacks, along with plenty of porgies and an occasional weakfish or sea bass.

WESTCHESTER

Fred Archer reports the start of the bluefishing season in Mamaroneck

waters. They were at Buoy 42, and most of the bass fishermen at Mamaroneck Fishing Station would rather catch big strippers. There's a million porgies, adds Fred.

In New Rochelle the word from Cameron's Boats is also blues. Around Fort Slocum they're big, and on top already. A couple have gone 10 pounds, and the hot lure is the surgical tube. Bass are still hitting at

night. Blacks are fading, but porgies are big and plentiful.

At Point Tackle, Dan is still receiving reports of fish in the forties as far as bass go. Blues are hitting under the bunker chunks along the Westchester shore, but Dan tells us best fishing is in Hempstead Harbor. The coat hanger brought steady multiple hook-ups. A 17 pound bass on a fly rod went to Don Swanson, a

real trophy. Weakfish, too, are picking up, with yellow bucktails the winners, right in the harbor.

The Klondike, sailing out of New Rochelle, reports pretty good fishing for blacks and porgies. Blues should settle down to hit the diamond jigs any day now.

GREENWICH

Weakfish are hitting well at Elias Point. Blues are also making themselves known. Spotty in local waters, but it's only a short trip across. Bass and porgies continue to fill the fishing bill.

STAMFORD

Carol Chirillo had a 53 pounder to report. The bass was taken by Emil Bayak on a bunker. Pat the Master took a 40 pounder on the Cooper umbrella rig near the Stamford breakwater. Several blues have come into the dock, but mostly from the other side. Al Martinelli took three in one fishing trip near the breakwall.

NEW HAVEN

Porgies galore everywhere, says Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports. Harbor blues are hitting Pet spoons at the West Haven. Jim Malaro trolled worms for a pair of bass scaling 12 and 27 pounds. Blues have already been up the river by the Thomaston Bridge. Mackerel and bunker chunks have already resulted in two lost outfits at this spot. Evelyn Weinstein took three weaks totaling 20 pounds in the Branford area.

STRATFORD

Housatonic Marina reports a slowdown in fishing there due to the bunker boats. A few fluke are still being picked up, and anglers traveling across to Cranes are bringing back

blues. Still some weaks in the river by the Gun Club, but porgies reign this week as the fastest fishing available. Sea robins are the most plentiful of all, and don't laugh, dinners in an area restaurant go over \$6.00 a platter for this delicacy. Mrs. Fordham will give us one of her recipes some time.

WESTPORT

It's last, but certainly not least, with Jack Stein's 50 lb. 6 oz. bass taken near Schlait's early in the week on a bunker. Bruce Iannacone was fishing with Grandpa, Mac McElwee, and took a 37 pound fish by the same method. Bruce is 12. Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop reports the Tri-Fin the hottest lure going for blues on wire. Ed tells us weaks are hitting better inside the Norwalk Islands, but there's been a slight slowdown in porgies.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Most stripers are now running from 13 to 25 lbs., according to Julian's Sports Shop. Bunker spoons and live bunker are most productive off the Golf Ball. Jim O'Donnell had four bass to 15 lbs.; John Hayes landed an 18½ pounder; Jim Horton had a 19½ pounder. Fluke action is good at the ammo pier, with some weakfish also reported.

SEA BRIGHT

Armand at Giglio's Bait & Tackle reported consistent bass action for surfcasters and boaters. Sandworms cast from the jetties accounted for

some good striper catches for Joe Totos. His largest went 23 lbs. Steve Kiss took eight stripers to 16 lbs. Julian Navarra and his nephew had nine stripers to 16 lbs. Frank Petillo knocked them dead again, this time with bass up to 38 lbs. on Stan Gibbs Polaris popper. Trollers are picking up bass on spoons and tubes. Live bunker is also producing good action. Armand also reported weakfish at Flynn's Knoll. Jigging yellow bucktails turns the trick. Fluke action all along the beach is good.

LONG BRANCH

Paul at Monmouth Tackle told us of great crabbing in the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers. Snapper fishing is coming along. Fluke fishing remains steady with good catches reported on the rock piles. Terry Parsons ran into unlucky 13. He had 1 to 3 bass every morning for the last 12 days with most catches going from 4 to 6 lbs. and into the teens. Plugs like the Surfster and Red Fin are good now.

HUDSON RIVER

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KINGSTON

Roy's Bait & Tackle reported good smallmouth action at Roundout Creek, Walkill and Esopus. A lot of the catches are small but some 3½ pounders have been taken. Live shiners are the bait to use.

HOPEWELL JUNCTION

White Pond gave up a 5½ lb. bass, reported Joe's Bait & Tackle. The big largemouth fell for a purple plastic worm. Sylen Lake has been doing well for both bass and trout fishermen. Small stripers are hitting on the Hudson from the Newburgh Bridge to Bear Mountain.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Al Brenenstoul at B & M Bait Shop is pleased with the good largemouth action in Wappingers Lake. Many bass from 3 to 3½ pounds have been weighed in. Most of the bass are taken on night crawlers and shiners. Surface plugs are working well at night.

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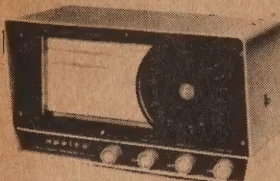
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TIDE TABLES

SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	5:08	5:37
Fri.	6:15	6:38
Sat.	7:13	7:33
Sun.	8:05	8:23
Mon.	8:55	9:12
Tues.	9:44	9:59
Wed.	10:33	10:48
Thurs.	11:22	11:35

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	-2 45
Shinnecock Canal	-1 18
Indian Reservation	-3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	-3 28
Harts Cove	-1 30
Potunk Point	-3 35
Mastic Beach	-3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	-0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	-3 20
Bay Shore	-2 23
Babylon	-2 12
Amityville	-2 21
JONES INLET	+0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	-0 12

PHASES OF THE MOON

7/29 7/7 7/15 7/23



NEW 1st Qtr. FULL Last Qtr.

Block Island SOUND

EASTERN LONG ISLAND

NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	6:42	7:05
Fri.	7:40	8:02
Sat.	8:35	8:57
Sun.	9:29	9:50
Mon.	10:20	10:41
Tues.	11:13	11:31
Wed.		12:03
Thurs.	12:24	12:53

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0 14
Fort Pond Bay	-0 29
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:40	8:25	2:15	8:55
Fri.	2:35	9:25	3:10	10:00
Sat.	3:35	10:20	4:15	10:50
Sun.	4:30	11:15	5:05	11:45
Mon.	5:25		6:00	12:15
Tues.	6:25	12:45	7:00	1:15
Wed.	7:30	1:45	7:55	2:05
Thurs.	8:20	2:35	8:45	3:00

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound

WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	8:30	8:59
Fri.	9:54	10:10
Sat.	10:57	11:11
Sun.	11:53	
Mon.	12:08	12:44
Tues.	1:01	1:33
Wed.	1:50	2:18
Thurs.	2:38	3:05

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28

Long Island SOUND

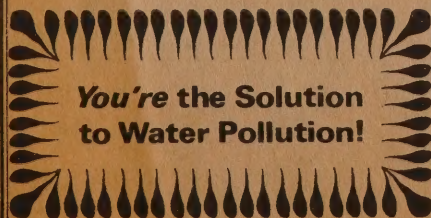
Long Island Sound

BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	8:42	9:04
Fri.	9:43	10:02
Sat.	10:38	10:57
Sun.	11:31	11:50
Mon.		12:22
Tues.	12:42	1:09
Wed.	1:29	1:57
Thurs.	2:20	2:43

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	-0 08
Bayville Bridge	-0 13
Eatons Neck Point	-0 03
Northport Bay	-0 03
Norwalk Islands	-0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Crane Neck Point	-0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	-0 03
New Haven Harbor	-0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	-0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42



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